Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 24 Feb 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 25 Feb 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 23 Feb 2021 at 16:42 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a trend to less changeable conditions, lower for timing and extent of areas of cloud and occasional rain.

Headline for Wednesday 24 Feb 2021: Sunshine and blustery showers, though mainly dry in the afternoon. Windy with severe summit gales and high wind chill.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 24 Feb 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Medium Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy rain showers (night)	Heavy rain showers (night)	Heavy rain showers (night)	Heavy rain showers	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	30%	30%	20%	10%	10%	10%

Forecast for Wednesday 24 Feb 2021

Weather: Clear then sunny intervals and occasional brief but heavy showers in the morning with some wet snow on the tops. Then mainly dry in the afternoon and evening, only very isolated light showers.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% at first improving to 80% through afternoon.

Visibility: Mostly good, briefly moderate or poor in morning showers. These showers accompanied by occasional at 750m with the odd patch to 500m in the west.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	59/69 SW	50/62 SW	53/65 S	53/66 SW	49/62 SW	44/56 SW	42/54 SW	42/54 SW	41/53 SW
900	54/64 SW	46/58 SW	49/62 S	50/63 SW	46/59 SW	41/54 SW	40/52 SW	40/51 SW	38/51 SW
600	34/45 SW	31/43 S	35/47 S	35/49 SW	33/47 SW	30/42 SW	28/39 SW	27/39 SW	26/39 SW
300	6/46 SW	7/42 SW	10/47 S	12/49 SW	13/47 SW	12/42 SW	10/39 SW	10/38 SW	10/37 SW
Glen	20/43 SW	18/39 S	21/43 S	21/43 S	22/43 SW	20/38 SW	17/35 SW	17/35 SW	16/33 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	2/-8	1/-8	2/-8	2/-8	1/-8	1/-8	0/-9	-0/-10	-1/-10
900	2/-7	2/-7	2/-6	2/-6	2/-7	2/-7	1/-8	0/-8	-0/-9
600	5/-2	4/-2	5/-2	5/-2	4/-2	4/-2	3/-3	3/-4	2/-4
300	7/5	7/5	7/5	7/4	7/4	6/3	6/3	5/2	5/2
Glen	9/5	9/5	10/6	9/6	10/6	9/6	8/4	8/4	7/3
Freezing Level*	1200m	1200m	1300m	1300m	1100m	1000m	900m	900m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Winds over the Cuillin will be around 10mph higher than in the table

Forecast for Thursday 25 Feb 2021

Weather: A cold and windy day with occasional snow showers. Showers falling as snow above 600-700m and rain and hail below this. Some bright or sunny interludes between these, especially through afternoon as showers tend to fade. A mainly dry evening with clear spells before cloud and occasional rain spreads to the west towards midnight.

Maximum wind: West or southwest 35 gusting 50mph, decreasing a little through evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% morning, 60% afternoon.

Visibility: Mainly good, but some brief reductions as showers pass through. These could bring cloud down to 600-800m in the west but generally cloud will be broken with higher bases, especially in afternoon. Increasing cloud to 450m in the west towards midnight with some poorer visibility in drizzly rain.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 rising to Plus 8C.
At 800m: 0C.
Freezing level: 800m, rising 1000m on west coast by midnight.

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